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Remarks

Claims are 1-20 pending, and claims 1-20 stand rejected. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-20.

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voit et al. (US 5,696,809) in view of Becker (US 5,680,488). Claim 1 is reproduced below.

- 1) A method of operating a telecommunication network, the method comprising:
 - in a switching system, routing a call to a service platform;
 - in the service platform, transferring a prompt message over the call, collecting caller-entered information from a caller over the call in response to the prompt message, and transferring the caller-entered information to a Service Control Point (SCP) system;
 - in the SCP system, transferring the caller-entered information to a destination processor, receiving a destination routing code from the destination processor, processing the destination routing code from the destination processor to determine a destination routing instruction, and transferring the destination routing instruction to the switching system; and
 - in the switching system, routing the call to a destination in response to the destination routing instruction (Underline added).

Claim 1 has a switching system, a service platform, an SCP, and a destination processor. Each device performs certain tasks. The SCP transfers the caller-entered information to the destination processor. The destination processor determines the route for the call and encodes the information into a destination routing code. The SCP receives the destination routing code from the destination processor in response to the user-entered information. The SCP then routes the call based on the destination routing code. Voit does not have a destination processor. The examiner equates the call server 12 in Voit to the destination processor of the current invention (see line 10 on page 2 of the current office action). The call server in Voit does not receive the user-entered information from the SCP and determine a route for the call. The AIN SCP in Voit receives the user-entered information and determines the call routing "With this information, AIN SCP 8 will select the appropriate Business Office to route the call to" (Lines 36 – 38,

column 12). Therefore Voit does not have a destination processor as required by claim 1.

Becker does not transfer user collected information to the destination processor. The examiner cites lines 12 – 29 of column 4 as showing that Becker sends user-collected information to the AIN. Becker does send information about the status of the facilities, and information about the status of resources which may handle the call (lines 20 – 23, column 4). But Becker does not send user-collected information to the AIN.

Becker and Voit, individually or in combination, do not teach having an SCP send user-entered information to a destination processor, receiving the destination routing from the destination processor and then routing the call based on the destination routing. Therefore the examiner has not established a *prima facie* case for obviousness and claim 1 is allowable as written. The arguments for claim 1 apply to claim 11 and claim 11 is therefore also allowable.

Claims 2 – 10 depend on allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Claims 12 – 20 are dependent on allowable claim 11 and are therefore allowable.

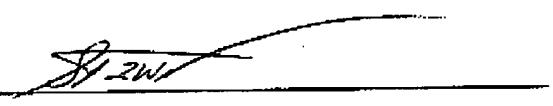
Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are allowable. There may be additional reasons in support of patentability, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-20.

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